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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Achievements and Accomplishments Committee

FROM: Herbert E. Meyer, Vice Chairman  
National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT: Special Achievement Award for [REDACTED]

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1. I heartily endorse the recommendations of David B. Low, National Intelligence Officer at Large, for Special Achievement Awards for [REDACTED]

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2. Operating under extreme time pressure, they helped produce one of the most timely and important Special National Intelligence Estimates we have ever done. Throughout the process their work was of the highest caliber.

  
Herbert E. Meyer

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FROM: David B. Low  
National Intelligence Officer at LargeSUBJECT: Recommendation of Special Achievement Awards for  
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1. As the National Intelligence Officer responsible for issues relating to [redacted] I was responsible for the drafting and coordination of Special National Intelligence Estimate [redacted]  
[redacted]

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2. As stated in the supporting documentation, the estimate was the culmination of several years of effort by the three nominees. However, the production of the estimate took place in an extremely compressed period of time. I would emphasize in particular my concern that, while we were anxious to produce a paper as rapidly as possible in response to the DCI's request, it was very important to me that there be no sacrifice of analytical quality. This requirement translated directly into the need for several interim drafts of the estimate and many extra hours of work. [redacted]

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3. This work was performed by [redacted] with skill and dedication. Extraordinary care was taken to present a balanced, well-documented analytical result that was both readable and defensible. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] research and briefings also played a significant role in bringing these issues to the attention of the Intelligence Community and policymakers. [redacted]

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5. This estimate has had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on issues of critical importance to U.S. national security. It is an excellent example of the Intelligence Community fulfilling its role of giving policymakers advance warning of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The paper has already been briefed to the President and the National Security Advisor and to key policymakers at the Departments of State and Defense. It will have immediate ramifications in the context of arms control negotiations.

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6. I would also like to note for the record the role of Branch Chief, [REDACTED] Under the circumstances described above, he played an important and effective role as coordinator of the drafting effort and overall advisor on content, while making any and all resources from his branch available in order to complete successfully this important project. [REDACTED]

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7. Thus, I would strongly support the recommendation for Special Achievement Awards for [REDACTED]

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David B. Low

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